SC candidates in addition to relaxation of standards of suitability or experience and also for organising special courses tailored to the requirements of SC/ST personnel.

National Small Industries Corporation Limited

2746. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the profit earned by the National Small Industries Corporation Limited during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what are the guidelines followed by the National Small Industries Corporation Limited in advancing loan or financial help to industries;

(c) what are the names of firms in whose cases a sum of more than Rs. 5 lakhs has been invested by the NSIC Limited, the particulars of such firms and the amount of investment in each case by the NSIC as on the 31st October, 1985; and

(d) whether there are such firms which have not repaid the amount to the NSIC; and if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken against those firms and the officers of NSIC Limited for advancing loans to such unscrupulous firms.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): The profits earned by the National Small Industries Corporation during the last years are given below:—

	(Rs. lakhs)
1982-83	5.28
1983-84	32 63
1984-85	81.01

(b) All small scale industrial units and entrepreneurs registered with the concerned Director of Industries/District Industries Centres and where the value of machines and equipment is within the prescribed SSI limit as defined by Government of India from time to time, are eligible to avail themselves of the Hire Purchase Scheme of the Corporation.

(c) According to National Small Industries Corporation they had catered to the demand of about 19704 small scale units for the supply of machines of wide variety and value under its Hire Purchase Scheme throughout the country upto 31st October, 1985. There are large number of units whom NSIC has supplied machinery of more than Rs. 5 lakhs, spread in different parts of the country. It is not feasible to give names and details of all such firms.

(d) Since the inception of the Corporation in 1956 and till 31st October. 1985, NSIC has supplied machines worth Rs. 186.56 crores to different categories of small scale units. As on 31st March, 1985. the unrealised investment in default was to the tune of Rs. 15.78 crores involving 4,286 units. The Corporation has evolved a system for recovery of its dues such as visit by field staff to units once in 4 months, issue of advance notices for payment of instalment, regular follow up of the cases through correspondence and personal visits to the factory or offices of the hires. Inspite of regular follow up. in case the party goes in default for two continuous instalments without any justifiable ground, Special Default Letter is issued to the party with a copy to the concerned offices with a request to exert pressure on the unit to pay dues of the Corporation. In case, the unit goes in default for 3 or more instalments, the cases are put up to Default Review Committee, for necessary guidance.

If the unit fail to respond, inspite of this follow up action, they are called upon to surrender the machine. In the event of their failure to surrender the machine, legal action is initiated against the party for repossession of the machine and recovery of the Hire Purchase dues.

Setting up of Small Cottage Industries under Capital Region Scheme

2747. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased of state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to set up small cottage industries in the towns under the